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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS VENKATARAMAN TO PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Mohan Venkataraman** of Cary to the North Carolina Board of Public Telecommunications.

Venkataraman is a senior consultant with Deloitte Consulting of Raleigh. Venkataraman received his Master's degree in science and management from the Birla Institute of Science and Technology in India. He is a member of the Indo American Forum for Political Education in North Carolina and the Indus Foundation.

The board sets policies to be implemented by staff concerning means of meeting the Agency for Public Telecommunication's goals to bring citizens and government closer together, to increase efficiency of government operations and to improve access to government services, all through public telecommunications. The board's goals are to see that each citizen has access to at least one public radio signal and to interconnect public radio. The board has 27 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 13 members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House each appoint two members. The chairman of the N.C. Utilities Commission, the chairman of the OPEN/NET Committee, the chairman of the Public Radio Advisory Committee, the secretary of Administration, the superintendent of public instruction, the director of public staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission, the president of the N.C. community college system, the chairman of the UNC-TV board, the chairman of the state board of education and the president of the UNC system also serve on the board.

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